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Mr. Don I. Wortman  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of July 19, requesting a waiver from the portion marking requirements of Executive Order 12065 for various CIA publications.

I agree with your rationale for the need for a waiver for the item identified as category "a." in your letter of July 19, 1979, and hereby grant the requested waiver.

Regarding item "d.", Short Deadline Papers, it is my opinion that the provisions of Section I.G.9 of the Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1, as they apply to providing a description sufficient to identify the information that is classified and the level of such classification, meet your need for an exemption from portion marking.

After careful consideration, I have determined that the effect of granting a general waiver for items b., c., e., f., and g. of your July 19 letter would be harmful to the President's goal, and I am therefore denying your request on these items.

Classified information disseminated outside your Agency that is not marked in accordance with the provisions of the President's Order compounds the problem of other agencies in their efforts to cause their own personnel to portion mark documents. Moreover, the lack of portion marking contributes to the problem of unnecessary classification as well as overclassification and, therefore, subjects the entire information security program to criticism from agencies and the Congress.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. BLOUIN  
Director

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